

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges and thanks the Examiner for the indicated allowable subject matter in claims 1,5, 8, 11, 12, 15-18, 21, 32, 44-46, 48. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview conducted on August 23, 2007. Applicant has placed the application in condition for allowance. Claims 1-5, 7-21, 32, 33, 44-46, and 48 are currently pending in this application. Claims 34 and 35 have been cancelled.

Response to Claim Objections

Claims 2-4, 7, 9-10, 13-14, 19-20 are objected to because of certain informalities. As amended, Applicant believes the claims have been corrected to overcome the objections in claims 2-4, 7, 9-10, 13-14, 19-20.

Response to 35 U.S.C. §101 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 19, 20, 33 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 19 and 33 have been amended to overcome the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. §101.

Response to 35 U.S.C. §102(b) Rejections

Claims 34 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kittrell et al. (US 5,199,431). Claims 34 and 35 are cancelled.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments, the applicable rejections have been overcome and the application is condition for allowance.

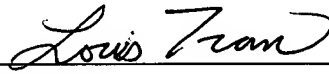
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